

Argyle Mansion  
San Antonio, Texas.

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ARGYLE MANSION  
San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Owner: O'Grady Estate

Date of Erection: 1859

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Mr. Charles Anderson

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Three

Materials of Construction: Stone and wood.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This stone house, when built in 1859, was used by Charles Anderson as a ranch home. Today, though not within the city limits of San Antonio the house is completely surrounded by other homes of Alamo Heights.

Mr. Charles Anderson was a brother of Major Robert Anderson, who was in command of Fort Sumter at the outbreak of the Civil War. A Northern sympathizer himself, Charles Anderson was forced to abandon the house and left hurriedly without even taking his personal belongings.

The house when first constructed had only two stories: the front facade with the large portico, and the third story also, were built in 1890. These later additions are of wood frame construction. There is also a three story additional wing shown in the southwest elevation.

The walls of the original house are very thick; they have been replastered by the present owner.

For many years the Argyle Mansion was the center of early San Antonio social activities.

This information was secured from Miss Alice O'Grady, who resides in the mansion today.

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